

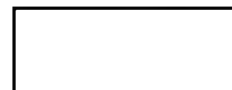
11 October 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Appearance Before Senate Foreign Relations
Committee, 10 October 1963

1. Mr. McCone, accompanied by Messrs. Helms, Cline, Colby, and Houston, appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, 10 October 1963. All the members appeared to be in complete sympathy with the situation of CIA and John Richardson in the light of the recent newspaper attacks, particularly the Starnes article, the Freedman article, and some of the accompanying editorials. They expressed understanding of the inability of the Director to fight back directly and gratification for the President's statement the day before.

2. Since the Committee had already heard testimony from Secretary McNamara, General Taylor, and Secretary Rusk, their attitude was pretty well established from the beginning, and most of the questioning was to make a complete record. Senators Hickenlooper and Symington particularly were interested in complete refutation of the Starnes and Freedman articles. Senator Morse's remarks and questions about congressional checks on CIA and possible joint committee supervision were in no wise hostile, and in fact he supported the intelligence function as necessary under present world circumstances. The Chairman, Senator Fulbright, raised, as he has in the past, the question of whether the Agency should perform some of the nonintelligence functions assigned to it, but this he made clear was not a criticism of the Agency but a criticism of the decision that the Agency should be given such assignments. The Committee seemed impressed by the record of the Agency's intelligence reporting leading up to the military coups in the Dominican Republic and Honduras. For complete details the official transcript is available in the Office of Legislative Counsel.



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